### INQUIRY REVEALS NEED OF NEW LAWS

Hearing on the Titanic Disaster Emphasizes the Failure of Present Statutes to Protect Lives.

AMERICAN RULES THE BEST

But Even These Do Not Require the Larger Steamships to Carry Enough Lifeboats for All Persons on

Washington, April 21 .- The terrible inadequacy of the law regarding safety azard method by which wireless apparatus is installed and the service conardly to a less extent, the lack of efficient | the davit tackle. fire apparatus and fire drills these are

twofold: First, the fixing of the blame tank disaster, and secondly, the deterer than those of foreign nations, they are still far from adequate to safeguard

ersons, more than the Titanic's entire 2,000 feet

This does not mean, however, that

just the requirements for American ships to the dictates of safety, although it is realized that any such change will meet with determined opposition from the ship owners. Incidentally, it may be ments now compel the larger ships, notably the St. Paul and the St. Louis, to carry only sufficient boatage for about wo-thirds of their human complement.

### American Laws Superior.

Another point in which the American e of foreign countries, as was partly brought out of the Titanic, is that our laws require that such tackle shall be provided as will permit of loading the boats to their full capacity while they are suspended in the air, evidently not a requirement boots to their full capacity while they ere suspended from the davits. In fact, he believed it unsafe to put more than ersons once they were in the water. There has appeared much criticism of

ure to load the boats to their full caamined on this point he reiterated his heavily would certainly have the boat into the sea, seventy feet below,

before the ship began to settle.

design of the owners of the Titanic to have the boats partially loaded as they bung in the davits, and when affoat to

on the Titanic, due partially no doubt make it more difficult for her to avoid carrying fifty persons, whether pas-Another obvious defect in the system to lack of boat drill, but jurned

lack of available sailors to man the boats. Lighttoller testified that he had seventy-one seamen in the crew (as distinguished from stewards, coal heavers. oilers and others), but he was so short of men to handle the boats that, despite the fact that he was putting only two men in each boat he had not enough to man them all on that basis and was compelled to call in some male passengers who had had more or less nautical

Furthermore, although there were only twenty boats all told, two of these were not put over the side, one becoming inextricably entangled in the tackle and another being washed overboard when the ship sank. This naturally suggests to members of the committee the question: Even had the Titanic been equipped with sufficient boats to take off her passengers and crew, would they ever have been launched?

#### Boats Badly Stowed

The importance of stowing boats in the most accessible positions has also impressed itself upon the committee. At least one of the Titanic's boats was stowed "on top of the officers' quarters." approximately nine feet above the boat deck and seventy-nine feet above the provisions on oceangoing ships, the hap- water. It was this boat which was never launched and which, according to the second officer, he and his depleted nacted en board ship, the deplorable force of sailors could not handle, even to lack of boat drill on merchant ships and, the extent of bringing it within reach of

J. Bruce Ismay has announced that among the points which have impressed his line will immediately take steps to themselves on the members of the sub- provide all its ships with sufficient boatcommittee of the Senate Committee on age, but, according to the members of commerce, which began in New York its the committee, that provision will prove investigation of the sinking of the Tiwholly inadequate unless the line goes taric and will continue it here to-mor- further and stows the boats where they are accessible and so drills its crews that The purpose of this investigation is they can handle them with dexterity and celerity. According to the most conservfor the terrible loss of life in the Ti- ative estimate, it is pointed out two of the defects of the existing between the time the Titanic struck the iceberg and the time she sank, and even apparent that, despite the fact that the that proved insufficient to lower and fill laws of the United States are far strict- her twenty lifeboats, four of which were less than the regulation size

The committee and its authorities are also impressed with the foolbardiness For instance, under the American rule of sending over the side lifeboats manned the Titanic would have been required by not more than two sailors, sometimes to carry 23,470 cubic feet of boatage, one sailor and a man passenger or a which, on the basis of ten cubic feet a steward. It is suggested that this force person, would have accommodated 2,347 would have been insufficient to keep the boat's head to the wind in any sort of human complement. Under the laws of sea, and had the coming of the Carpathe British Board of Trade the Titanic this been delayed until the already freshwas required to carry only 9,360 cubic ening breeze had developed a sea, some feet of boatage, and as the Titanic had of the boats would probably have been 11,000 feet, she was, to employ the nau- swamped, especially those which had officers—the crew of the Titanic stuck tical expression, overboated by nearly added to their load by picking up men found floating.

Members of the committee are strongly duties and giving little or no thought to ships of American registry are required impressed with the necessity, therefore, their personal safety. Indeed, what more to provide sufficient boatage for their en- of thorough and frequent boat drills, vivid demonstration could be afforded tire human complement. The required every sailor being assigned to his place of this than the conduct of the two wirebostage is based on tonnage, although in a lifeboat, so that in the face of less operators—the survivor, at least, a it has long been obvious to American au- an emergency everything shall move as mere boy-who, even after their apthat the basis should be the smoothly as in a well drilled fire engine paratus had been rendered useless by human carrying capacity as stipulated house. Otherwise, they suggest, a mere the flooding of the engine room, rein the ship's license. Undoubtedly an addition to the number of lifeboats might mained at their post until told by the effort will be made, now that the disas- add merely to the confusion and the fa- captain to look out for themselves, just

#### Limit of Safety.

one of the questions which this investi- behaved under like circumstances? gation, short as it has been, is already remarked that the American require- suggesting. It is realized, of course, that as the investigation proceeds other phases may develop, but some are already obvious. When asked what orders were issued by the captain after accident that the Carpathia heard the suggestion that he place the women having actually begun to unlace his Gambell, "at a distance of six or seven and added that he had come to Washingoff, Lighttoller said the captain, he believed, remained on the bridge, and that chance; that when the Carpathia was by the testimony of the second officer he could not hear any other orders, al- confronted by an emergency it became constantly. Some of the passengers have a point closely approximating inhuman packages or wreckage were to be seen." described the captain as "shouting orders exhaustion; that the pay of Marconi from the bridge," giving the impression operators, on British ships at least, is that he had difficulty in making himself ridiculously small in proportion to the of the English law. Second Officer heard. This raises the question; Is it responsibilities and the degree of intelli-Lighttoller testified that the Titanic had possible for the captain of a ship practi- gence required, averaging from \$7.50 to been most carefully inspected and passed cally as long as four blocks in New York \$10 a week, with board and lodging on by one of the strictest representatives City to exercise proper command after board ship; that wireless provision is of the British Board of Trade, but that an accident, especially if that accident made almost solely from a commercial he. Lighttoller, was afraid to load the has crippled some of the various electric devices designed to keep him in communication with all parts of his ship?

The testimony thus far taken also intwenty-five adults in boats which were dicates that there was comparatively spable of carrying forty or forty-five little crowding on the decks, and this expressed regret that he had not asked suggests the possibility that many never realized their danger and were drowned he would do if his single operator were the officers of the Titanic for their fail- like rats in their staterooms or bunks. Pacity, but when Lighttoller was ex- there was little or no suction when the great ship finally settled to her last rest- sending out the distress signal. That onviction that to have loaded the boats ing place. If that be true, and it also meant to run grave danger of breaking passenger had a lifebelt, as is required demands was brought out by the testitackle, which would have thrown all in by the British law, why was not the mony of the wireless operator of the It was also developed that it was the belts, which would sustain them even were they unconscious or dead?

The captain of the Carpathia, arriving add sufficient persons to make their the Titanic went down, saw only one full complement. There had been, how- floating body. Does this not mean that quiries as to the occasion of the Titanic's wer, no adequate boat drill, and this the Titanic was so large that those from distress. Plan does not appear in a single in- two or three blocks away from the place stance to have been carried out, al- where her side was pierced never knew though the second officer sent some of of the collision nor heard the alarm point a moral in this connection. Conhis men below to open side hatches for and slept on unconscious of their danger? gress has passed a law requiring every that purpose. It is, in the opinion of This suggestion, the authorities point vessel of American registry carrying the authorities, questionable whether out, is supported by the varying stories fifty or more passengers to provide itthis plan would ever work successfully of passengers, some of whom declare the self with wireless equipment. The jaw under the strain and excitement which shock of the impact was severe, almost was opposed by vessel owners because must inevitably attend the necessity of or quite throwing them down, while of the expense, and the recommendation it is asked: Did the size of the Titanic

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clear night, not foggy, as was first assumed-and the berg was seen a considerable distance ahead, so that the order "port your helm" was given some time before the impact.

Still another idea has been suggested to members of the committee in connection with the ships on Pacific routes. So far as has been ascertained-and the unsworn testimony of passengers seem to bear out the sworn testimony of the to their posts like heroes, almost without exception seeking to perform their the size of ships been passed? This is chiefly Chinamen. How would they have

#### Work and Pay of Wireless Men

Turning to the subject of wireless telegraphy, the evidence thus far taken goes to show that it was by the merest having the received standpoint, the best apparatus and two operators being provided only when the passenger capacity of the ship is such that it is likely to pay a profit.

One of the members of the committee Captain Rostron of the Carpathia what rendered unconscious by accident or All who have so far testified declare washed overboard in a storm and he was later confronted by the necessity of the operators are not all of the high orbe true, as has been testified, that every der of intelligence which their position sea for a short time, at least, crowded Titanic, who declared that the Marconi with human beings kept affoat by these operator on the Frankfurt had obviously neglected to notify his captain of the "C Q D" call of the Titanic, and after a lapse of from twenty minutes to half on the scene less than four hours after an hour had sought to interrupt communication with the Carpathia by in-

Officials of the Department of Commerce and Labor have been quick to others assert they barely feit it. Again, of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor that it should apply to all vessels the iceberg once it was sighted?-for it sengers or crew, was disregarded. That opears to have been an exceptionally law will go into effect July 1, and Secretary Nagel, after making a careful esti-000 to make possible its enforcement. Lieutenant J. S. Morrell volunteered to Regardless of the possibility that human lives might be at stake, Congress decided that the sum was too liberal and has contented itelf with providing only

> \$35,000 It is remarked by members of the committee and their associates that in so far as the loss of the Titanic has demonstrated that no ship is unsinkable, in so far as it will make both passengers and officers hereafter more alert and more expeditious when confronted by an accident, those who went down in the ship have not given their lives in vain, terrible as has been the

There is also a suggestion, even a hope, that Americans may be prompted to regard with greater favor at least some sform of postal subvention for American ships, that they may perceive the wisdom of compelling American vessels to exercise every precaution to avert disaster, the propriety of compensating them, even in the form of a subsidy, for the expense this will entail and, finally, the patriotism as well as the wisdom of patronizing the already safer vessels of their own country when they have occasion to cross the mercliess seas.

G. G. H.

### VIRGINIAN ORDERED BY CARPATHIA TO TURN BACK

Message Said: "Everything O. K. Have 800 on Board; Return to Your Northern Track."

RACED 160 MILES TO LINER

Captain, Arriving at Liverpool, Reports Ice Close Packed Between Allan Liner and Ocean Grave.

Liverpool, April 21.-The Allan Line as the ship was about to sink? The steamer Virginian, which was reported on liners on the Pacific are not manned Monday last to be towing the damaged be for the purpose of considering the tes-Has not the extreme limit of safety in by Anglo-Saxons, but by Orientals- Titanic to Halifax, arrived here to-day. Captain Gambell was unable to throw mittee. any light on the messages which were had the Titanic in tow and that other steamers were standing by.

The Virginian had two wireless operators aboard, who transmitted onward all Mr. Ismay denied to-night that he had

The Virginian received the first wireless message concerning the accident to

the Titanic. At 10 o'clock in the morning he received a wireless from the Car-

"Turn back. Everything O. K. Have eight hundred on board. Return to your northern track."

The Virginian then proceeded eastward and sighted a field of ice and numerous bergs. Previous to that she was in communication with the Russian looking toward an immediate improvement I steamer Birma, which, at 3:45 a. m., was fifty-five miles from the Titanic, and also with the Californian, the Carpathia, the Frankfurt and the Baltic.

"At 5:45 a. m.," continued the captain, I was in communication with the Californian. She was seventeen miles north of the disaster. At 6:10 o'clock I sent a passenger. marconigram: "Kindly let me know the condition of affairs when you get to the Titanic.' He immediately replied: 'Can now see the Carpathia taking passengers aboard from small boats. The Titanic foundered about 2 a. m.

The Virginian heard the Carpathia advising the Baltic that she had about eight hundred aboard and was proceeding for Halifax or New York, and advising the Olympic that all the boats had been accounted for, that a careful search had been made among the wreckage for survivors, and that the Californian was going to remain in the

vicinity for some time. When the Virginian was hastening to the Titanic all her boats were swung out ready for use. A party of bluejackets mate, asked Congress to appropriate \$50,- returning from the Pacific station under man the boats.

> Washington, April 21.-H. T. Cottam, operator on the Carpathia, acknowledged this evening that he sent the Marconigram which Captain Gambell, of the Allan liner Virginian, reports having in the wireless communication. Whether received on Monday morning. Cottam says the Frankfurt operator will be called as this message was handed to him by Captain Rostron.

DUEL OVER TITANIC DISASTER. Millville, N. J., April 21.—While quarrelling as to who was responsible for the Titalic disaster, Albert Baxter and Frederick Moore, of Eastern Shore, Md., fought a duel with knives at Port Norris last night and Moore was seriously injured. Baxter the Carpathia on the latter's way to New York from the wreck, would be held subject to the committee's orders.

# WASHINGTON CROWDS

Secretly to Hotel, Evades a Murmuring Throng.

JUSSERAND OFFERS AID

Co-operate-Committee to Determine Location of the Frankfurt.

Washington, April 21.-J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star Line: P. A. S. Franklin, vice-president, and thir ty-seven members of the crew of the Titanic arrived here to-night to continue testimony efore the Senate sub-committee which is nvestigating the loss of the liner. Messrs. Franklin and Ismay were rushed

secretly to the New Willard Hotel, being admitted through the rear entrance to avoid a large crowd of people and a battery of photographers thronging the front entrance and lobby. For nearly two hours the management stoutly denied that the steamship officials had arrived, but finally with S. C. Neale, their local attorney. "Everything will come out before the

committee," almost begged Ismay surrounded by the newspaper men at the Union station. He was visibly annoyed by them, and forcibly shoved some of the more persistent away from him.

"I wish you men would be kind enough to wait for the committee sessions.' pleaded, petulantly, when pressed for an answer to questions A private carriage, containing Mr. Neale

was in front of the station and Messrs. Ismay and Franklin were hurried to it, slipping away from the photographers who expected them to take a taxi-cab. thirty-six seamen were taken to a hotel opposite the station and then were permitted to stroll about the city. They re fused to enter into conversation with strangers, some of them showing spirit

#### Ismay Kept to Himself.

Ismay had his meals served to him in his stateroom while coming from New York, but the other members of his party went to the diner. He shunned all publicity and kept to himself as much as possible, according to those on the train.

"The animosity of people is shown by the action of even the negro porters at the Union Station," declared Charles C. Burlinghame, jr., son of the steamship com pany's New York counsel, "Why, these fellows wouldn't even carry my luggage for to Thee," was sung, while the eyes of me and seemed to desire to snub the whole Extra police were stationed at the hotel

on account of the expected arrival of Ismay's party. A large crowd had congre gated and murmurs of enmity against the head of the White Star Line were heard. Extra police were there to handle the

The conference of the officials of the con pany with their attorneys is understood to timony to be given before the Senate com ent features of Ismay's version of the dissent broadcast last Monday that his ship after and to agree with his colleague, the line of defence

### Ismay Denies Protest.

news received. "We passed the place made any protest to the British Ambassathat officer had approved Lighttoller's distress call of the Titanic, her operator where the Titanic sank," said Captain members of the Titanic's crew as witnesses, and children in the boats and cast them shoes preparatory to going to bed and miles. I had to go around an ice field. ton to co-operate with the investigating liners, there are indications of a move-The ice was closely packed between us committee in any way he could. He said and the position of the Titanic when she he had not talked with Huntington Wilson, wireless. The necessity of two wireless went down, and there would have been the Acting Secretary of State, about the though he presumed they were issued necessary to work her lone operator to great danger in going nearer. No boats, question. The hearings of the committee will go on to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Assurances of the co-operation of the French government with the United States the Titanic from Cape Race at 12:40 to further safeguard human life at sea o'clock on Monday morning. It an- were to-day extended by Ambassador Jusnounced that the Titanic had struck an serand to Senator William Alden Smith, of iceberg and was in need of immediate Michigan, chairman of the committee. Ignoring the formalities of proceeding through Captain Gambell altered his course and the State Department, Ambassador Jusproceeded 160 miles in the direction of serand called in person upon the chairman

### Says France Will Co-operate

Ambassador Jusserand told the Michigan Senator that he called to express his gratification at what had been accomplished by he investigation and to make assurance of the desire of the French government to co-operate in improving conditions at sea. The ambassador asked for any suggestions in the protection of passengers.

Two suggestions were made by Senator Smith. The first was that every ship should not only be equipped with wireless, but that every ship should have two operators, one contsantly on duty. The other suggestion was that there should be additional life equipment on board ocean liners, inof the Titanic and hadn't heard anything cluding lifeboat accommodations for every Senator Smith said to-day that no notice

or intimation, either from officials or members of the crew, of objection to the com mittee's course had reached him. "I am proceeding on the theory that what

we will obtain will be as valuable to then

as to us," said he.

Major Arthur Peuchen, of Toronto, Canada, has notified Senator Smith that he will be in Washington to-morrow to put his story into the record. Lewis Klein, a Hungarian member of the Titanic crew, has been subposnaed at Cleveland. He will appear before the committee to verify a story he related in that city of his experiences

Frankfurt's Location To Be Probed.

One feature of the forthcoming hearing will be the inquiry into the wireless communication as the Titanic was sinking. An effort will be made to ascertain the exact location of the German steamer Frankfurt, which responded to the Titanic's signal of distress, but did not extend any aid. It is desired to ascertain if the Frankfurt was actually nearer to the sinking ship than the Carpathla, as Bride, the operator, timated the Frankfurt to have been, ju ing from the strength of the electric spark witness could not be learned to-night.

Secretary Meyer of the Navy Department called to-day upon members of the com-mittee and gave assurances that the wireless operator of the Chester, who endeav ject to the committee's orders.

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### LONDON THINKS ISMAY HOSTILE TO ISMAY HASN'T HAD FAIR PLAY

Head of White Star Line, Rushed Says Custom of Considering Man Innocent Until Proved Guilty Has Been Violated.

### RESCUE TALE UNCONVINCING

Tells Senator Smith France Will British Inquiry Will Try to Discover What Was Wrong Rather than Who Was

> London, April 21 .- J. Bruce Ismay, is, on the whole, regarded here as a harshly treated man. The old English custom of considering a man innocent until he has been proved guilty is, according to the dispatches published here, not being adhered to on your side of the Atlantic. sidy. English papers are appealing for fair

sympathize with the reported statement

that he considers the Senatorial inquiry

brutally unfair.

Mr. Ismay has challenged a thorough here say he must have it. The fact has, nevertheless, not escaped notice that his statement about his own rescue is not as convincing as it might be, but it is generally regarded as most unfortunate that he happened to be aboard the Titanic. As on every vessel the captain is king even Ismay, the head of the company, would be temporarily under the orders of Commander Smith

The prompt action of the Senate in insisting on an immediate inquiry in New York has caused astonishment here, where people are accustomed to the more leisurely methods of the Board of Trade and it is pretty safe to assume that the conduct of the examination in this country will differ fundamentally from the one in America.

So far as it is possible to sift the evidence that has reached here from New York, it tends to show that the object of the inquiry is to find out who was responsible for the disaster. In England the investigation will aim at discovering what was wrong rather than who was to ful wireless apparatus carried by the Ches Every preacher throughout London to-

day referred to the appalling tragedy, and in every church "Nearer, My God, hundreds of worshippers were wet with way London has been affected by what is looked upon here as the most impressive incident of the disaster and a most touching story of heroism could not weil be imagined. Eloquent tributes were paid by emi-

of the Titanic and the notable victims of the disaster, particularly W. T. Stead Washington yesterday, and it was said that and others. In many cases the offer- he was in conference with officials there. tories were devoted to the relief funds, preliminary to the Senate investigation which now aggregate more than \$500,-Special services were held aboard all

his majesty's warships, and mourning old Bride, surviving wireless operator of was generally observed in the same man-

ment for taking better advantage of the operators being aboard every vessel is More Than 1,000 Members of Lodge emphasized by the fact that the liner Parisian missed the Titanic's call for nelp only through the operator being off Harris, the theatrical manager, who los duty at the time, and an agitation has his life in the Titanic disaster, were held commenced here in favor of the Board last night in the headquarters of New York of Trade formulating regulations to govern the wireless arrangements aboard

The Austrian government also has taken steps to assist in the installation a wireless system on all ocean pas-

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The Olympic has been provided with play for Ismay, and are disposed to forty collapsible boats and will carry sixteen additional lifeboats.

#### CHESTER OPERATOR BITTER investigation in England, and people Says Carpathia's Men Misled the Government Cruiser.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Philadelphia, April 21.—"Although we were less than eleven miles from the Carpathia about noon last Tuesday, the wireless operators on the latter, apparently acting under orders, refused to give us any information about the tragedy. They merely answered our insistent inquiries by crisply and summarily telling us to keep out, adding that the Carpathia was 'taking care of things.' We naturally inferred that the Titanic was being towed to port with some of those injured in the crash aboard the Carpathia, and it was not until we reached Delaware Breakwater on Saturday, four days later, that we learned of the sinking of the Titanic and subsequent terrible loss of life."

It was thus that James Gaffney, chief wireless operator on the scout cruises Chester, described the way in which the operators of the Carpathia "deliberately misled" the ship that was officially sent by the government to aid the Carpathia to get the details of the disaster. "The operators of the Carpathia paid no

attention to our messages until the powerter threatened, by its proximity of only few miles, to overpower the equipment of the Carpathia," said an officer of the Ches ter to-day. "It was only then, to get rid of us, that they told us they 'were taking care of things.' We did not know that they were 'taking care of things' by allowtears. A more striking testimony to the ing women and children to sleep on the decks and smoking room floors, though the Chester was only eleven miles off. It was because we were given to infer that things were all right that we proceeded to the League Island navy yard. And then last Saturday, four days after our communications with the Carpathia, we nent preachers to the captain and crew learned the true story of the disaster." Captain Decker of the Chester went to

> James Gaffney and Frank Blackstock, the wireless operators of the cruiser, are considered among the most efficient operators in the navy. The claim advanced by Har the Titanic, that the Chester's operators

ner in the British colonies.

In addition to an almost universal movement in the direction of providing better lifesaving appliances on ocean were "wretched and did not know the continuental Morse sufficiently to be worth while," has been ridiculed by many naval men who know the records held by Gaffney and Blackstock. ELKS HONOR HARRIS'S MEMORY

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